

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

February 9, 2026

Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the 03-4J470 I-5 Grade Raise Project.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared an Initial Study (IS) with proposed Negative Declaration (ND), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the alternatives being considered for the proposed project located in Sacramento County on Interstate 5 (I-5). Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Location: The proposed project is located on I-5 in Sacramento County, between Post Mile (PM) 0.21 and PM 4.63. The total length of the project is approximately 4.42 miles long.

Project Description:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes the I-5 Grade Raise Project. The project is located on Interstate 5 (I-5) in Sacramento County, between Post Miles 0.21 and 4.63. The total length of the project is 4.42 miles. Within the limits of the proposed project, I-5 is a four-lane highway. This project was programmed for Pavement Rehabilitation. The purpose of this project is to restore and improve the existing pavement condition and extend the life of transportation infrastructure. The project aims to preserve and sustain the I-5 corridor and its structures, while enhancing safety, reliability, rideability, and existing drainage systems.

Environmental Effects: The proposed project would have Less than Significant Impacts to Agriculture and Forest Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Transportation, and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

Availability of Document: Pursuant to CEQA requirements, a Draft IS ND is being made available for a public review period commencing on February 11, 2026 and ending on March 27, 2026. The document can be viewed digitally via Caltrans weblink: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-projects/d3-sac5-i5-grade-raise-03-4j470>

Comments: Caltrans will be accepting written comments on the Draft IS ND for consideration prior to adoption of the document. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March, 27, 2026, and can be submitted by mail to:

California Department of Transportation, North Region Environmental–District 3, Attn: Masum Patwary M5 Unit, 703 B Street, Marysville, CA 95901.

Submit comments via email to: 03_4J470_Project_Inbox@dot.ca.gov